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Title: POWERED SURGICAL HANDPIECE WITH REMOVABLE CONTROL  
SWITCH

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☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending  
prior application:

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The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any  
applications from which this prior application may claim  
priority, is hereby incorporated by reference.

☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named  
in the prior application. **DELETE** the following inventor(s)  
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Enclosed are:

- ☐ New specification.
  - ☐ Marked-up version of specification showing changes to prior parent application (optional).
- ☒ Copy of prior specification.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before line 1 of page 1, the sentence:
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  - ☐ New
  - ☒ A copy of the Declaration or Oath from the prior application.
- ☒ 34 Drawing Sheets      ☒ Formal
  - ☐ Informal
- ☐ Cancel in this application Claims of the present application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain at least one independent claim.)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment Cancelling Claims (Please enter before calculating the filing fee.)
- ☒ Amendment Before First Office Action
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.
  - ☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Stryker Corporation.
  
- ☒ Acknowledgment Postal Card
- ☐ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Application No. , filed .
  - ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .
  
- ☒ Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53, the above-identified application is being submitted without the filing fee, and it is respectfully

requested that this application be granted a serial number and filing date and that the undersigned be notified of the date by which the filing fee must be submitted.

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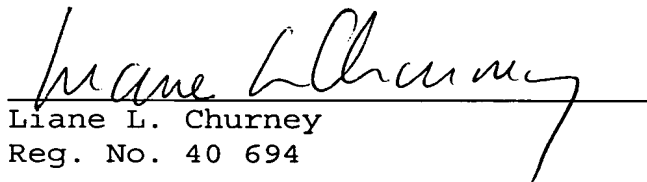
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Document(s) attached: Continuation Patent Application  
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